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FOR AF/W MICHAEL WALTER

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SUBJECT: MAJOR EXPORT OPPORTUNITY: DANIELS AND BELL

REF YOUR CABLES MAY 7 AND 13, REGRET DELAYED RESPONSE
BUT HAVE NOW BEEN ADVISED BY EKLU-NATEY, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
PLAN, THAT YOU SHOULD POSTPONE YOUR VISIT UNTIL JUNE 2. HE
OFFERED ONLY "PROVISIONAL" APPOINTMENT FOR MAY 27, BUT
WOULD GIVE NO RPT NO ASSURANCES OF ATTENDANCE
BY ANY MINISTER. HE PROPOSED INSTEAD HOLDING
MEETING ON TUESDAY JUNE 3 AT 3 P.M. AND INDICATED MINISTER
OF PLAN KOUDJOLOU DOGO WOULD BE
AVAILABLE THEN. HE ALSO SAID YOU SHOULD SEND
TELEX DIRECTLY TO MINISTER DOGO INSTEAD OF TO EMBASSY AND
SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH LETTER STATING YOUR PLANS.
MOST IMPORTANT, HE SAID TO DROP ALL REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT
AND HIS STAFF IN FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS. STRONGLY
RECOMMEND YOU FOLLOW EKLU-NATEY'S ADVICE
ON ALL ABOVE COUNTS. HE IS BEST POSSIBLE LIAISON
MAN TO COORDINATE THIS TYPE OF ACTION. RECEIVED
CABLE TODAY FROM GERARD BLANC OF CHARLES T. MAIN
WHO PLANNED ARRIVE MAY 21. AM CABLING HIM ALSO RECOMMENDING
POSTPONEMENT VISIT TO JUNE 2. SUGGEST YOU
KEEP US IN PICTURE BY PHONING EITHER TOGO DESK
OFFICER MICHAEL WALTER OR AF/W DEPUTY
DIRECTOR JAMES BISHOP IN DEPT OF
STATE AND ASKING THEM TO CABLE INFO, OR BY DIRECT
CABLE AS YOU PREFER. PLEASE ADVISE NEW PLANS
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